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As below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to our name.

I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled LITHIUM ION BATTERY WITH IMPROVED SAFETY, the specification of which is attached hereto, and identified as application Serial No. _____ filed _____. Applicants attorney of record will insert the serial number and filing date when received.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of the claims in this application in accordance with 37 CFR §1.56(a), including all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56.

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